



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Situation Report Severe Storms October 18, 2007, 4 p.m.

#### UPDATED INFORMATION IN BOLD

#### SUMMARY

A line of severe storms moved across Missouri Wednesday afternoon and evening causing heavy rains, damaging winds and several suspected tornadoes. Two Missourians were killed in north central Missouri. Flash flood warnings and river flood warnings were issued by National Weather Service. SEMA officials are monitoring the situation and will get further reports as daylight allows inspections. SEMA has received no requests for assistance at this time.

**Ameren advised as of 2 p.m., Thursday, power had been restored to all but 5800 customers. They have teams restoring power in neighborhoods with the expectation that all power will be restored by late this evening. 35mph wind gusts are still causing some tree limbs to knock down power lines.**

#### County Reports:

**Adair County**—Power outages were reported in Kirksville Wednesday night, but power has since been restored for most of the area. No damages or injuries reported.

**Callaway County**—High winds destroyed a grain barn near Highway Z and JJ. Also minor damage reported north of Kingdom City. One house with minor damages. No injuries reported.

**Cape Girardeau County**—High winds caused significant power outages around Cape Girardeau. Officials report about 5000 customers without power. Cape Girardeau City, County and City of Jackson officials reported tree damages, power being restored, no injuries, and no requests for assistance.

**Cooper County**—High winds knocked down power lines, and caused minor damage to some buildings on Main Street in Boonville. **No injuries, no requests for assistance.**

**Greene County**—Numerous sightings of tornadoes were reported. However, no major damage reported at this time. Debris was reported on roads near Cave Springs. No injuries reported. No requests for assistance.

**Jasper County**—Officials reported significant power outages when the storm struck Wednesday night. However, power had been restored in most areas by Thursday morning. Carthage reported trees downed. Joplin reported power is process of being restored. No injuries. No requests for assistance.

**Johnson County**—Tornado reported near Centerview. Damage limited to some downed trees. A few County Roads have scouring from flash flooding. No injuries. No requests for assistance.

**Lawrence County**—Tornado reported in Lawrence County near Aurora and Chesapeake. Power substation was also damaged causing minor power outages. 4 Mobile Homes destroyed, 1 house destroyed, 1 barn and one business damaged. ARC assisting with displaced families. Power in the process of being restored. No Injuries, No requests for assistance.

**Laclede County** – small tornado caused damage to one building and boat. No injuries, no requests for State Assistance.

**Monroe County**—Two people were killed when high winds struck a mobile home six miles northeast of Paris. A barn was destroyed by high winds near Madison. **Isolated power outages are now restored. No requests for State Assistance.**

**Stoddard County**—High winds caused some minor power outages around the county.

**St Charles County**—High winds caused significant power outages. Officials initially reported about 1700 customers without power in and around City of St Charles. Now, less than 700 customers without power, power in the process of being restored. No injuries, no requests for assistance.

**St Louis County**—High winds knocked out power in the county. Officials report about 4300 homes and businesses without power. Power being restored. No injuries, no requests for assistance.

**St. Louis City** – No disaster related power outages, no injuries, and no requests for assistance.

#### **Weather**

National Weather Service **advises that the next chance for severe weather will be this afternoon between 4-6 p.m. in Southeast Missouri. A tornado watch is in effect for Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, Stoddard, Dunklin, Pemiscot, Mississippi and Scott Counties. They confirmed an F2 tornado in Paris (Monroe County) Mo. Flooding potential: Black River minimum flooding will crest on Friday; Grand River moderate flooding with crest on Friday; Missouri River at Sibly, Napoleon and Waverly minor flooding will crest of Friday. Next three days should be sunny.**

**SEOC** returned to normal operations after activating to Level 1 on Wednesday.

State Agencies monitoring the conference call and available to assist were: DNR, Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, Fire Safety, Social Services, Heath & Senior Services, Office of Administration.

#### **Volunteer Organizations:**

American Red Cross in Northeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri are assisting families in Monroe County and Lawrence County.

**Salvation Army is available to assist ARC in Lawrence and Monroe Counties.**

Missouri Assn of Rural Electric Cooperatives is working with member organizations on rural power restoration.

#### **Point of Contact:**

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100 from 730am-430pm, Mon-Fri. After hours emergency calls can be made to the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.